

G. W. NATION SAYS PIPE LINE IS SURE TO CAUSE TROUBLE

Declares There Is a Possibility of Right-of-Way Disputes—Favors the Septic System

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 19.—To the Editor of The Herald.—Dear Sir: That the taxpayers of Alliance may know where they will probably alight before they jump into the proposition of voting bonds of some \$20,000 or \$30,000 to extend a pipe line to carry the city sewage three and one-half miles to the W. W. Norton farm, it will be in order to get a correct understanding of what the probable results will be.

First, it will probably cost about as much above the estimate given as the city paving has cost and I am told that it is almost double the estimate given.

To illustrate, I need to give but one example. The council is starting into this proposition with the expectation that they are going to get something for nothing. In other words, they expect or intend to appropriate for sewer purposes public and private property without giving any compensation.

It is a question, whether the county commissioners have any right to give to any individual, corporation or municipality a permit to use any public highway or part thereof for a purpose other than that for which it was surrendered from the owner to the public, namely, for use as a public highway. It is only reasonable, and the courts have so decided, that the only right the owners of the land surrendered when the land was taken for highway purposes was the right of passage and the right to make the highway passable.

When lands are taken for highways, the owners of the lands so taken do not give any deed or title to either the county or state, but the land is subjected to taxes the same as if a highway had never been established. Therefore, the owners of land that have been taken for highways retain all rights to the use of land to any crops, hay or pasture that grow upon said land, provided they do not in any way interfere with the building, maintenance or passing of the public upon the highway.

Even if we admit the county commissioners can legally grant a permit to place a sewer pipe line in or on any public highway, it will be absolutely necessary to also get a permit from the property owners adjoining the highway.

As to the feasibility of piping along the highway, there would be about eighty rods where the pipe line would have to be on piers, or in the center of the road bed, which is somewhat narrow and was built at several thousand dollars' expense and some twelve years' time in getting it to its present fair condition. I am sure the people would not stand for allowing that grade to be dug up for the placing of sewer pipe that would in all probability clog after a few months use, necessitating the tearing up of the road bed for repairs of pipe line.

If the line is carried on piers and not covered, it would freeze and put the sewage system out of commission until spring. A gravity system could not be used as the outlet of the pipe would be at or near the same level as the present septic tank. A pump would have to be used to force the sewage contents for the total distance of three and one-half miles. It would work as long as there was volume of water large enough and force rapid enough to keep the sediment from settling. If the pump be used as now, intermittently, the pipe would soon fill with sediment so it would need extra force to move the water, and when that extra force was applied the sediment would be shoved up in cake and the quantities of those cakes would increase to such an extent that before the outlet of the pipe was reached it would be hopelessly clogged.

It is true that if the present septic tanks were used as settling tanks there would not be any trouble about pipes clogging. It would also be true that conditions would remain the same as they are now at the septic tanks. Scarcely a particle of the putrefying vegetable or animal matter from which the sulphuretted hydrogen gas that causes the abominable stench the arises therefrom, would be carried away.

I think a pipe line three and one-half miles would be too expensive just to carry the water and leave what causes the nuisance remain. It seems the wise course will be to abate what causes the nuisance and water can then be allowed to run or be used most anywhere.

The septic process of purifying sewage is the most perfect process now known, and it fails only where the designers of septic tanks do not understand that process. What they do not understand is that, it is primarily a problem in bacteria, secondarily a problem in chemistry and only thirdly, it is a problem in engineering.

I think Dr. Morris' suggestion in Tuesday's Herald is good—that is, not to jump from one mistake into another. My own opinion is that it is time to quit making mistakes about city affairs in general and the sewage in particular.

With this object in view I wish to say to all the citizens of Alliance, if they will give to me one hour of their time and furnish a place for an audience and be there to make one of the audience, I will undertake to give a thorough description of the fundamental principles of the purification of sewage by the septic process.

I will tell you why septic tanks do not function properly, how they should be built and why they should be so built; tell you what the bacteria are, show you illustrations of them and explain the chemical process necessary to eliminate the sulphuretted hydrogen gas. In fact, I will tell you things that you will have difficulty in finding out from any other source.

If the above offer is accepted, please give me at least a week's notice. Yours respectfully,
G. W. NATION.

RANDOM SHOTS

Our furnace room, presided over by John, is being used as a smoking compartment, although John doesn't smoke. Two or three times the furnace door has been found open, and the supposition is that one of the three men who quit on a \$50 bet is puffing smoke into the furnace to avoid suspicion.

We've heard of a new angle to the bootlegging game. The Norfolk News says: "Unemployment in Norfolk today is perhaps back of much violation of the prohibition laws. If a man is reduced to idleness and his family faces hunger and cold, can you blame him much for engaging in bootlegging to help keep that family from want?"

If a man must break the law to keep his family from want, why shouldn't he steal? It's much more genteel and refined than peddling home brew or cheap whisky at highway robbery prices.

A number of influential citizens of Pittsburgh, Pa., have inaugurated a huge advertising campaign to create a sentiment for rigid enforcement of the eighteenth amendment. We have never heard of a case where a thirsty man was talked out of the notion, but we pass the suggestion along for what it may be worth.

Today's Second Best.

They had just pulled the cork when a lantern entered the room, followed by a lengthy individual with whiskers. "By gum, I've ketched ye," shouted Whiskers, flashing the star attached to his galluses. "What are you two a-doin' here?"

"N-nothing," stammered Jones, covetously glancing at the bottle on the table.

"N-nothing," echoed Smith, covetously glancing at the bottle on the table.

"Well, what are ye two aimin' to do?" persisted Whiskers.

"N-nothing," said Jones.

"N-nothing," said Smith.

"Whee!!!" said Whiskers. "Then hold this lantern."

According to a report that reaches us from fairly authentic sources, the bootleggers in Scottsbluff have formed a union and have adopted a badge. It seems they were getting so thick there that they got to selling hooch to each other.

An extremely bow-legged Alliance man explains that he got that way by looking into cellars.

Official announcement is made that the standardized golf ball is required only for certain international matches. The standardized golf ball is considerably smaller than the ones we are accustomed to use, and this announcement brings a whole lot of relief to us. In order to improve our play, the ball should be about the size of a canteloupe—then we wouldn't swat the air so often—or so hard.

It was down in Texas—in those other days. A man was introducing his brother to the group of gentlemen in the saloon. He said, "This-s my brother—my brother. An' h-he's not only my brother, ye understand, but he's my p-personal friend."

SOCIETY

LUNQUIST—DYE

Miss Alta Dye of Alliance and Edwin C. Lunquist of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were married at high noon Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Minort at the Baptist church. The bride wore a deep cream colored organdie with a picture hat to match. Her corsage was of roses and narcissus. Miss Thelma Wesley was maid of honor and wore a pale green organdie with hat to match. Her corsage was of pink tea-roses. Homer Lotspeich acted as best man. Miss Alta Young played the wedding march and Elsie Simpson sang. The ushers were Verne Laing and King Robbins. After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride. Covers were laid for thirty guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lunquist left on 42 Wednesday night for their home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They will make a number of stops on their way to visit friends.

PEARSON—KRIE

William Pearson and Tena Krie, both of Sidney, were married by Judge Tash, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. O. Parsons and Mrs. H. F. Nelson entertained the ladies of the G. I. A. at a luncheon Thursday afternoon at the I. O. O. F. hall, after the regular division meeting. Those present were Mesdames Guy Miller, J. H. Klassinn, T. J. Young, A. H. Robbins, J. W. Edwards, W. H. White, A. J. Cole, J. Pattalochi, Chas. Meyers, G. W. Johnson, L. A. Baschky, G. W. Wilson, Carl Witham, E. McGuire, C. B. Gibson, Ada B. Allen, G. H. Rathburn, J. A. Bacon, C. W. Miller and R. L. Warborough.

Miss Wanda Adams delightfully entertained about sixteen guests Saturday evening at cards and dancing. Guests present were Misses Helen Newberry, Marie Howe, Dorothy Reynolds, Irma Ellis and Margaret Dwyer, and Mrs. Shepherd, and Messrs. Ivan Acheson, Ed. McNulty, Scott Lee, Harold Gavin, John Shriner, Lester Beal, Jack Freeland and Shepherd.

Members of the Kinunka Campfire met at the home of their guardian, Miss Josephine Ganson, last Wednesday evening for a business session.

Mrs. George Mintzer entertained at dinner Sunday. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Highland, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Nieman and daughter.

Conklin's Crescent Fountain Pens, Scotten & Hershman, 214 Box Butte, Alliance Drug Co.

RAILROAD NOTES

J. J. Ryan leaves tonight for Kansas City.

Miss Ethel Trabert leaves today for Minatare.

Engineer John Wolverton is on the sick list this week.

Sam Norbeck leaves today for his ranch near Joliette, Wyo.

Master Mechanic J. B. Irwin left today for Edgemont on business.

Fireman Witowack is laying off this week because of business matters.

Mrs. Newberg and son Donald are spending a few days in Marsland.

Miss Frances Grassman left Wednesday night for a short visit to Lincoln.

Troy Sanders has returned from Omaha where he spent the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ryan left on Wednesday for a short visit in Denver.

Tommy Griffin left this morning for Kansas City where he will visit a few days.

Machinist B. F. Hill resigned and leaves the latter part of the week for Chicago.

Bob Atz leaves tonight for Denver where he expects to spend a couple of months.

Mrs. C. W. Corp left this week for Rancho, Wyo., where she will visit for a short time.

Mrs. A. W. Newberg and Mrs. W. A. Bennett leave today with Mrs. Oscar O'Bannon for Seward.

Engineer Houser has bumped Engineer Houston off the 44 turn between Alliance and Ravenna.

Mr. Koseri, business agent of the I. A. A. M., was in Alliance this week on business for the order.

Engineer J. O. Parsons is on the sick list and Engineer Baschky is taking his run until he recovers.

George Werner is out of the hospital now after an operation on his leg because of a gunshot wound.

Fireman H. K. Isham and wife left this week for a month's visit in Topeka, Kansas, and other points.

Engineer Bales left Wednesday for McCook to visit a brother whom he has not seen for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colling of Seneca, were in Alliance this week for the wedding of Mrs. Colling's sister, Alta Dye.

U. A. Johnson, stock yard superintendent, returned from St. Paul, Minn., today, where he has been on a business trip.

Engineer C. J. Young hurt his back Thursday when his cab cushion slid off the chair and he fell on his back. He will be off for a few days.

John Pahlow was struck in the eye with a piece of coal while working on the coal shed Monday. He will be unable to work for a few days.

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